

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING 75 SEASONS OF SKY TAVERN'S JUNIOR SKI PROGRAM

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sky Tavern, a local nonprofit that is celebrating the 75th season of their Junior Ski Program.

Located just 30 minutes from Reno, Sky Tavern was one of the area's earliest ski resorts. Motivated by her belief that sports were good for children, local skier and schoolteacher Marce Herz convinced the resort owners to begin an affordable learn-to-ski program in 1948.

Since then, Sky Tavern's Junior Ski Program has taught over 100,000 area youth how to ski and snowboard.

Sky Tavern has switched hands a few times over the decades; most recently in 1991, when a group of dedicated parents formed the current non-profit organization that manages the Junior Ski Program and maintains the property. Today, the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program is the oldest and largest volunteer staffed ski school in the United States.

Notable alumni of the program include David Wise, Olympic gold medalist in the halfpipe, and Tamara McKinney, one of the top American alpine racers.

While this program has turned out some of our nation's best skiers, I would suggest that Sky Tavern's most significant achievement has been to make skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports more accessible for local children.

Winter sports are a way of life in northern Nevada. From keeping the prices low to helping children with disabilities enjoy the slopes alongside their peers, Sky Tavern has reached countless children who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to participate in this great northern Nevada tradition.

I commend the team at Sky Tavern for carrying on Marce Herz's noble vision and positively impacting the lives of Nevada's children.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANNA MARIA HODGES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Maria Hodges who became the first woman of color and Afro-Latina to hold the position of Clerk of Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Ms. Hodges is a consummate professional with decades of hard-earned experience, leadership abilities, impressive work ethic, and commitment to justice and innovation.

Elected by the people of Milwaukee County on November 8, 2022, Ms. Hodges assumed

office on January 2, 2023, and directs the administrative, recordkeeping, and clerical services that support the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

Ms. Hodges leads a staff of nearly 300 employees, supervises the management of approximately 150,000 annual cases, and administers a budget exceeding \$42 million. In addition to her statutory duties as the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges serves pursuant to the Milwaukee County General Ordinances as Director of the Milwaukee County Division of Court Services, supervising additional fiscal and administrative services supporting court operations, and provides direction to Milwaukee County's Jury Management Office.

As the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges continues upon her nearly three decades of work expanding public access to our justice system and ensuring efficient court operations. Ms. Hodges' priorities include achieving excellence in customer service, increasing professional development and training opportunities for her office's dedicated personnel, and responsibly administering the records and funding entrusted to her office. Ms. Hodges' service as Clerk of Circuit Court marks only the most recent step in a three-decade career in public service.

A public servant for nearly 30 years, Ms. Hodges previously served as Acting Clerk of Circuit Court in early 2022, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court from 2018 to 2022, and as Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court and Civil Division Administrator from 2006 to 2018. She has also served as Court Coordinator and Deputy Director of Litigation Services for the First Judicial Administrative District, as Deputy Director of the Milwaukee Office of former Governor Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, and as Constituent Services Specialist in the office of former Milwaukee County Executive Francis Thomas Ament.

A resident of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Ms. Hodges graduated magna cum laude from Cardinal Stritch University with a Bachelor of Science in Management. She is a proud mother and grandmother and is active in her community and church.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to recognize Anna Maria Hodges and her lifelong commitment to public service and Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing Ms. Hodges' contributions and accomplishments as Clerk of Circuit Court.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Little Silver, New Jersey on the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. It is my honor to join with its officials

and residents in celebration of this historic milestone.

A part of Shrewsbury Township until 1923, Little Silver has evolved from farmland, woods, and saltwater marshes to a bustling suburb of diverse restaurants, specialty shops, and small businesses. With its location on the water and its proximity to New York City, the area has attracted visitors from the north that have transformed Little Silver from a seasonal resort to the community it is today. Despite its development over the years, Little Silver has maintained its distinct charm and character.

Tracing its history back before its incorporation, the borough has several historical landmarks including its railroad station, post office (which now serves as a museum), and Sickles Market, that began as a farm stand over 100 years ago and is still in operation today. In the 1800s, John T. Lovett opened a nursery that became the largest employer in the area and well known across the country, supplying national retail businesses such as Sears Roebuck. Many of the town's residents can trace their roots back generations. One of the oldest sites in the borough, the Parker Homestead, was inhabited by the same family for 300 years, who were original settlers of the area.

In its 100th year, the borough is governed by Mayor Robert Neff and council members Kevin Brennan, Chris Smith, Donald Galante, Michael Holzapfel, Doug Christensen, and Stephanie Brannagan.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Little Silver and celebrating its rich history.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois was chartered in 1983 and now serves over 230 members who are dedicated, community-minded leaders in industry, education, the military, and government throughout the Metro East region.

Assisting institutions throughout the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Monroe, St. Clair, and Washington, the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois helps to unify the region for growth by promoting general welfare and economic development.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois' many accomplishments include the reaccreditation of the Southwestern Illinois

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Levee System, helping earn three Abilene Trophies for building a strong and vibrant community surrounding Scott Air Force Base, catalyzing economic growth through a regional development plan, and leading numerous important infrastructure projects including major river bridge improvements in the last decade.

Please join me in congratulating the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois on its 40th anniversary and wishing the council continued success in strengthening our communities for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CPL. HELEN M.
LATTAL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of the late Corporal Helen M. Lattal, a proud World War II veteran who passed away in March at the age of 103.

Helen enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942. In 1943, President Roosevelt transformed the WAAC into the Women's Army Corps, giving women full military status. She served in the headquarters of the 8th Air Force of the Army Air Corps under the command of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

After the war, she returned to the United States and worked as a counselor for soldiers. In her later years, she would serve as a volunteer with the Red Cross. She was a 57-year member of the American Legion where she served a term as post commander.

Cpl. Lattal's life's work is an example of the patriotism, sacrifice, and commitment we associate with the military. We are grateful for her dedication to this country, and we will miss her.

HONORING COUNCILMAN JIM
BULLARD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the life of former Piscataway Councilman Jim Bullard. Councilman Bullard passed away on February 15, 2023, after a life filled with numerous personal and professional accomplishments.

Throughout his life, Councilman Bullard exhibited hard work and an interest in learning. The son of James and Eileen Bullard, Councilman Bullard was born and raised in the Bahamas. He graduated high school at the age of 12 and worked various jobs where he consistently demonstrated character and leadership before moving to the United States to continue his education. He received his associates degree from Miami-Dade Community College and his bachelor's degree from Lowell Technological Institute (UMass Lowell). He worked as an electrical engineer for RCA, Honeywell, and AT&T Bell Labs. He remained at AT&T for 29 years until his retirement in 2006.

Elected to represent Ward 2 on the Piscataway Township Council in 2010, Councilman Bullard served three terms, until De-

cember 2022, and led the Council as President in 2013. Throughout his tenure, Councilman Bullard promoted senior services, recreational programs for children, and improvements to parks.

A long-time advocate for seniors, Councilman Bullard served on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and the Office of Aging & Disabled Services Advisory Council and helped start the Senior Buddy Program which partners high school seniors with senior citizens to improve computer skills.

In addition to his work with the senior population, Councilman Bullard volunteered his time with the Piscataway Little League, Piscataway Community Television, the Metlar-Bodine House Museum, and the Piscataway Recreation Board, among others. He was deservedly recognized for his efforts by various organizations, including the Jersey Access Group, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and the Middle Atlantic Regional Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame.

Councilman Bullard received a heart transplant in 2006. As he did throughout his life, Councilman Bullard approached transplant surgery with determination and a positive attitude, recovering quickly and devoting time to supporting organ donation programs and patients. He helped raise funds for organ donation for Hahnemann University and served as President of the Second Chance Heart Transplant Chapter and Support Group.

Councilman Bullard leaves behind a loving family, including his beloved wife of 45 years, Lois, their children, grandchildren, and his siblings. His generous spirit was a joy to everyone he met, and he will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he impacted.

Mr. Speaker, Councilman Bullard was a dedicated public servant and an active member of the community. He was deeply committed to serving the residents of Piscataway and his leadership and enthusiasm will truly be missed. I know I join with his family, friends, colleagues, and community in paying tribute to his memory.

PROVIDING APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT
NEEDED TO ENHANCE RELATIONS WITH ASEAN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for passage of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act, bipartisan legislation I introduced with Congresswoman YOUNG KIM of California to strengthen the longstanding relationship between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

For nearly six decades, ASEAN has worked to promote stability, prosperity, and multilateral cooperation in Southeast Asia and has become a critical part of the diplomatic architecture of the broader Indo-Pacific. Together, the ten member nations of ASEAN represent the world's fourth-largest market, and U.S. trade with ASEAN accounts for hundreds of billions of dollars a year. Last fall, the U.S. and ASEAN agreed to elevate their relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

In 2017, I co-founded the Congressional ASEAN Caucus with Congresswoman ANN WAGNER to foster greater dialogue on Capitol Hill around issues related to Southeast Asia. Today's consideration of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act comes from years of bipartisan work by our Caucus, and I also want to recognize the contributions of the bill's original cosponsor Representative Steve Chabot, who was a leader on Asia policy issues in Congress for many years.

The United States was the first non-member country to appoint an ambassador to ASEAN, and Congress has long recognized the regional and global importance of ASEAN. Despite the bipartisan consensus about the importance of ASEAN centrality, the United States has yet to accord ASEAN the routine diplomatic privileges that we provide to similar groupings like the Organization of American States, African Union, or European Union.

The PARTNER with ASEAN Act would authorize ASEAN to be designated as an international organization with full diplomatic privileges and open new avenues for U.S.-ASEAN cooperation, including the potential establishment of an ASEAN mission in the United States. It has bipartisan support in the Senate, where a companion bill was introduced earlier this month, and President Biden has committed to signing the bill into law once it reaches his desk.

At a time of increased global focus on the Indo-Pacific, the PARTNER with ASEAN Act makes a simple change that will have an outsized impact on our international relations. I thank Congresswoman KIM for her partnership on this bill, and I also want to recognize the work of Erik Ashida, who served on my staff until last month and played an instrumental role in moving this legislation forward.

I urge my colleagues to support the swift and bipartisan passage of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act and applaud the longstanding commitment of this body to maintaining strong relationships with our partners in the Indo-Pacific.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF DAVID FULSTONE

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my Happy Birthday wishes to Mr. David Fulstone, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

David Hill Fulstone was born on April 1, 1923, in San Francisco, California as the second of five children to the late Fred and Dr. Mary Fulstone. Raised in Nevada's Smith Valley on the family sheep ranching operation, the values of hard work and service were instilled in David at an early age. Throughout his youth, he worked as a ranch hand, and especially loved sheep camp.

He was also the star of the Smith Valley Bulldogs basketball team, before graduating in 1942. After high school, David pursued his passion and bought his own farm, growing hay, garlic, and onions.

In 1945, David married his best girl and forever dance partner, Angelina Margaroli. They were faithfully married for 63 years until

Angelina's passing in 2008. Over the years, they were blessed with two children, DeeAnn Fulstone and David Hill Fulstone II, and four grandchildren.

David was an active member of the Farm Bureau, traveling across the country to many of the annual meetings and advocating on behalf of Nevada's farmers and ranchers. He even received the Farmer of Year Award, the result of his tireless support of the agriculture community.

While David retired from farming in 2010, he continued to love gardening and often shared the rewards of his labor with everyone in town.

David's contributions to his community go beyond farming. From becoming the longest and oldest member of the Yerington Rotary Club to serving as a board member of the Lyon County Hospital Council, northern Nevada has benefited greatly from his time and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and the people of Nevada in honoring this outstanding citizen and family man on his 100th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT PRAETZEL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Robert "Bob" Praetzel, an extraordinary conservationist, attorney, and community leader, who passed away on February 4, 2023, at the age of 97.

Bob was born in San Francisco in 1925 and spent most of his life in Marin County, where he developed a passion for nature hiking on Mount Tam and fishing in San Pablo Bay. He joined the Navy during World War II and spent three years in the allied forces. After the war, Bob pursued his education at the College of Marin, UC Berkeley, and Hastings Law School. His professional career spanned 60-years in Estate Planning and Probate.

Bob became a renowned pioneer in protecting Marin County's open space. As one of the lawyers who challenged the development of the largest real estate projects in the county, Bob is credited with preserving the Marin Headlands and creating the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. His efforts have immeasurably shaped the landscape of Marin and will live on through the conservation of its natural beauty for years to come.

Bob was also a passionate community volunteer, serving on numerous philanthropic and conservation boards in Marin County. He served as President of the Marin Bar Association and was founder and President of the Estate Planning Council. Additionally, he was an active volunteer for many charitable organizations and worked hard to secure funding for environmental groups such as the Trust for Public Land, Cal Trout, Ducks Unlimited, Resources Renewal Institute, and the Marin Agricultural Land Trust.

Bob is remembered as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed backpacking, hiking, and duck hunting, and shared many adventures with his wife of 66 years, Nancy, and their four children, Susanna, Matt, Eugenia, and Anne

Marie. Even in his mid-90s, Bob was still active and highly motivated by his family, referring to them as his pride and joy. He leaves behind his wife, children, numerous grandchildren, and his siblings, Lola Saylor and Patrick Praetzel.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Robert Praetzel was a well-respected community figure who will be missed, and whose many contributions to the region are a legacy worthy of congressional recognition. Please join me in extending condolences to Bob's family and many friends, and in expressing my deep appreciation for the positive impact he has left on the community and the environment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT MASON GRIFFITH

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of fallen officer Detective Sergeant Mason Griffith.

Detective Sergeant Griffith exemplifies small town America and the commitment to service. He was a Detective Sergeant of the Hermann Police Department, the Chief of Police of the Rosebud Police Department, a Reserve Deputy of Gasconade County Sheriff's Department and a member of the Gerald-Rosebud Fire Department. On March 12, Sergeant Griffith was shot and killed in the line of duty. He leaves behind a loving wife, two children, and an entire community who will deeply miss him.

This tragedy stands as a somber reminder to our Nation that law enforcement officers and their families sacrifice every single day to ensure our families are safe. We will never have another Sergeant Griffith, and for that our entire community is worse off. We will forever remember him as a man committed to his family and community and as a hero who gave his life to keep us safe.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering our deepest condolences to the Griffith family, his fellow officers, and the entire community who are suffering this tragedy.

TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER DAY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, as a congresswoman and a champion of health care initiatives, and as an advocate for breast cancer survivors, I rise today to commemorate Triple Negative Breast Cancer Day.

Breast cancer is a devastating disease that affects far too many of us. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in eight women will get breast cancer in her life, impacting hundreds of thousands of Americans each year.

I am particularly concerned about the disparities in breast cancer that leave women of color even more vulnerable to this deadly dis-

ease. While the many reasons are complex, it is critical that we continue to support research to get answers and to break down barriers to help save lives. For example, I have long been concerned about the impact of breast density, which can make cancers more difficult to detect on a mammogram. Additionally, dense breasts have been identified as a risk factor for developing breast cancer, according to the FDA. I applaud the FDA for its recent efforts to help ensure that patients are provided with accurate and timely information about the impact that breast density and other factors can have on the risk for developing breast cancer as part of a comprehensive breast health strategy.

Yet, we have so much more to do to help save lives especially when it comes to aggressive and deadly forms of breast cancer, like triple negative breast cancer. Women with triple-negative breast cancer often face a worse prognosis and limited treatment options.

This is why we need to increase funding for research for breast cancer, including for those who are fighting the triple negative variety. We need to find better ways to detect it early and to develop new treatments that will give women with triple-negative breast cancer better options in their fight against cancer.

But funding for more research is not enough. We also need to ensure equity and access to high quality and affordable treatments for all those with breast cancer, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Women from marginalized communities often face barriers to accessing care such as high co-pays for additional testing beyond a basic mammogram, and we must work to break down those barriers.

No woman should have to fight breast cancer alone, and no woman should be denied the care she needs because of where she comes from or how much money she makes. We must come together as a community to ensure that all fighting breast cancer have access to the care and treatment they need.

I urge my colleagues to join me in the fight against breast cancer and to support increased investments in critical research for those battling triple-negative and other forms of breast cancer research and ensuring equity and access to care for all women with breast cancer.

NOW IS THE TIME TO UPDATE RAIL SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, in the past five months, we have seen three major Norfolk Southern train derailments in Ohio, including one that occurred in my district, and another which traveled right through the heart of my district in northwest Ohio before it burst into flames in East Palestine.

It's been more than a month since that Norfolk Southern train disaster in East Palestine, Ohio. Twenty of the 38 railcars that derailed were carrying dangerous chemicals; now hundreds of Ohio and Pennsylvania families are rightfully frightened that their water is contaminated. Since then, another train derailed 28 railcars in Springfield, Ohio. Thankfully no hazardous contaminants spilled.

These accidents follow a dangerous 21-car Norfolk Southern derailment last October in Sandusky—in my district. There, paraffin wax spilled onto the street and washed into and clogged the town's sewer system. For nearly five months the vital main artery into Sandusky remained impassable, and Norfolk Southern has not cleaned it up.

In northern Ohio, rail is the spine of our economy. To compete in a global economy and avoid expensive supply chain delays, industrial and agricultural America should think big about modern rail. Improving rail safety, giving people more transportation options, and expanding access to national and global markets are critical to our nation's future.

But that sort of thinking is not happening. Indeed, we're not even getting rail safety right, and that should be the floor, not the ceiling. Norfolk Southern repairs lag at many main arteries, including the one between Toledo and Sandusky.

There's no reason for this other than pure greed. Over the past four years, Norfolk Southern has reaped more than \$31 billion in profits. You would think it would invest even a relatively small part of that enormous profit to protect its workers, its host communities, and the general public so that such disasters would not happen. But you'd be wrong.

The derailments in Sandusky and in East Palestine were not isolated events. In 2022, the Federal Railroad Administration reported more than 1,000 instances of trains derailling. Since last October's Sandusky crash, I've tried to reach Norfolk Southern's CEO. I want to discuss the bipartisan infrastructure law that Congress passed last summer. My colleagues and I want to hear his ideas for rail improvements across America's northern corridor from Pittsburgh through East Palestine, Sandusky, Toledo, and west to Illinois.

Members of Congress, both Democrat and Republican, representing this congested corridor are eager to address aging rail infrastructure, increased traffic, and easement separation of freight and passenger service. Yet Norfolk Southern's leadership won't even return our calls.

The stakes are too high for more delay. America's northern rail corridor is a critical access point for goods from Canada, our largest trading partner; it's equally critical for getting goods to and from our ports, which enable America to ship goods all over the world—and helped rejuvenate our auto and steel industry.

With the bipartisan infrastructure law funds, it's time to bring together rail workers, railroad executives, regional transit authorities, and state and federal agencies to discuss how to use this money. How do we ensure higher safety levels? What's the right mix of passenger and freight rail? Should we use smart cars with electric track or focus on traditional heavy rail? Should we elevate our trains or run them on the ground? These are just a few questions that need answers.

We need to connect to Detroit and Canada. We need to connect Detroit and Toledo to the deep-water ports along the Atlantic that allow for year-round container shipments. Providing our landlocked region steady access to deep-water ports would be a game-changer for America's industrial corridor. Addressing the very real health and safety issues for the impacted workers, residents, and communities in and around Sandusky and East Palestine is the immediate priority.

We must also look to the future and come together to protect workers and deliver transformative and safe commercial and passenger rail solutions. The tools are at our disposal. The money is there. And the time is now. Let's do what we in the industrial Midwest do best: let's get to work.

RECOGNIZING THE DELANO JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two schools in the Delano Joint Union High School District (DJUHSD), which were recently selected as Exemplary Dual Enrollment Awardees by the California Department of Education.

Since 1911, the Delano Joint Union High School District has been committed to the academic excellence of students in the Central Valley. The district is one of the highest achieving in the state and focuses on preparing their students with the skills they need to be successful in a variety of careers. In addition to strong academics, DJUHSD provides their students with outstanding athletic and performing and visual arts programs. Delano High School and Robert F. Kennedy High School were both designated as Exemplary Dual Enrollment Schools and will hold the prestigious title for two years.

The California Department of Education's Exemplary Dual Enrollment program award was started to recognize school districts who provide successful dual credit opportunities to students, allowing them to receive college credits while still in high school. DJUHSD was selected as an awardee based on the demonstrated excellence of their dual enrollment program, which is provided through a partnership with Bakersfield College. The district was one of nine districts to receive the award.

The district's dual enrollment program offers students an opportunity to advance their education in a variety of different fields. Dual enrollment credits also provide students with a financial incentive, by allowing them to earn college credit without paying for the college course. The program's success has been made possible by the many teachers, counselors, and faculty across the district, whose contributions have helped to advance and expand the program to play a vital role in the Central Valley education system. The education heroes in our school districts are forging the next generation of industry leaders in our state.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Delano Joint Union High School District for receiving the California Department of Education's inaugural Exemplary Dual Enrollment Award.

RECOGNIZING LT. COLONEL RICHARD CAMERON ANSHUS FOR OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Colonel Richard Cameron Anshus, a Vietnam Veteran from O'Fallon, Illinois, with an extensive and rich military career.

Lt. Colonel Anshus graduated from West Point in 1970 and went into the service during the Vietnam War. His OH-6 helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during a reconnaissance mission; and he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War for 25 months, until he was liberated on March 27, 1973. Upon repatriation, Lt. Colonel Anshus continued his service. He worked at several bases around the United States and internationally, assisting in various operations. For eight years, Lt. Colonel Anshus was the Army Liaison Officer to the Air Mobility Command at Southern Illinois' Scott Air Force Base, where he retired in 1997.

For his bravery and service to country, Lt. Colonel Anshus has been awarded three Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, and a Prisoner of War Medal.

During his retirement, Lt. Colonel Anshus has been active member of his O'Fallon community. He is a lifetime member of O'Fallon's Sportsman Club, a member of First United Methodist Church, and a member of the O'Fallon Noon Rotary Club, where he has won several awards for his service.

Please join me in honoring Lt. Colonel Anshus for his dedicated service and all he has contributed to his country and community.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), which celebrates the 50th anniversary of its charter this month.

Over the past half-century this Chapter has served the Cincinnati metropolitan area, fostering community among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed services and providing useful services for them and their families.

Since March 1973, the Chapter has been a leading advocate for all personnel of the uniformed services. Its members have served faithfully as MOAA's ambassadors, supporting programs that make a difference in the lives of others, going the extra step to give back to our community, Ohio, and our Nation in the truest sense of servant leadership. I am proud to be a member of this Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and extending our very best wishes for its continued success.

**COSPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 830—HELP
COPAYS ACT**

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 830, the HELP Copays Act, to ensure that patients have affordable access to lifesaving care, prescription medication, and treatments. This bill would require health insurance plans to apply third-party payments, financial assistance, discounts, and other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses for an enrollee toward their cost-sharing requirements. I support this bipartisan effort to reduce out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs.

Should the bill move forward in the legislative process, I recommend limiting its provisions to drugs without a generic competitor. This ensures that patients who only have access to one expensive, branded drug to treat their condition can access payment assistance from manufacturers, but also incentivizes the use of lower-cost, generic drugs when possible. Narrowing the bill in this manner would prevent pharmaceutical manufacturers from abusing copay assistance programs to steer patients toward branded drugs that burden our healthcare system as a whole. I urge Congress to move forward with this proposal to provide relief to patients who may be forced to delay lifesaving care due to high cost-sharing and copay requirements.

**RECOGNIZING KEVIN P. DONOVAN,
A.O.H. PAUL “HOOK” O’MALLEY
DIVISION 4 MAN OF THE YEAR**

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kevin P. Donovan, who will be named the 2023 Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. Kevin will be honored at their annual gathering this very day.

Kevin is the son of Marian Elizabeth Lockard Donovan and the late Daniel John Donovan. He was raised with his eight siblings in the Keyser Valley section of West Scranton. He grew up attending St. David’s Church and playing baseball at the Lackawanna Little League. He was selected to play on the All-Star team and helped lead the team to several championship titles.

Kevin is a 1987 graduate of West Scranton Senior High School. While at West Scranton, he stood out as a member of the cross country and track and field teams. He clinched numerous district medals, including second place in the district cross country championship meet. He was also the Jordan Relays champion in track and the southern division track champion. He still holds several records in

both track and cross country at West Scranton High School. He was a two-time state qualifier as well as a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Kevin has worked as a roofer for Local No. 30 out of Philadelphia for 30 years. He currently works for the Lackawanna County Housing Authority SEIU Local No. 668.

Kevin is a more than 30-year member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a current officer in the Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. He is a dedicated volunteer with many community charitable organizations and a parishioner at St. Patrick’s church where he is a member of the Holy Name Society.

Kevin is married to Michelle Lynch Donovan, and they have three children, Kevin, Kacey and Liam. He is also the proud grandfather of his grandson Braydon.

I am honored to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4 to recognize Kevin as the Man of the Year for his lifelong service to the community. May he continue to feel called to serve and support others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote on H. Res. 1159—To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present on March 22nd.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 144, and YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
MICHAEL ALLEN**

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Dr. Michael Allen, who passed away on February 25, 2023, in Santa Monica, California. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and a distinguished professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Michael Allen was born on April 1, 1941, in East Sussex, England to Frederick “Jack” Allen and Ena Muriel Allen. As a young boy, Michael excelled in school, becoming one of the top students at his grammar school and eventually enrolling at Wadham College, Ox-

ford University. After receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Oxford, Michael made his way to the United States, teaching at Ohio University. In 1970, he received his doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also met his wife, Elena. That same year, Michael received a job offer to serve on the faculty at UCLA.

Michael quickly distinguished himself as a professor and scholar. While his teaching focused on the range of English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, his research focused on the philosophical, theological, and mythological issues raised by fifteenth century Italian Platonists. Throughout his time at UCLA, Michael served as a faculty lecturer with the UCLA Travel Study program. He also took on many leadership positions at UCLA and wrote or edited approximately 21 books. By the time he retired in 2012, Michael had received many prestigious honors, including the Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching, UCLA’s top teaching honor.

Michael dedicated his life to academia and his family. He was a sought-after lecturer, enthralling audiences with engrossing lectures and discussions on philosophical and literary topics. He inspired generations of UCLA students as he made past worlds and perspectives come alive through his lectures, courses, and books. He loved hiking, botany, cooking, traveling, literature and most of all, his family. Michael was an inspiration to so many people and touched so many lives with his intellectual curiosity and love of storytelling. His loss will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has affected.

Michael is survived by his wife, Elena; sister, Patricia; sons, Ben and Will; daughters-in-law, Claudia and Melanie; three grandchildren, and a dog. May his memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THEIR FAITH**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and wish Muslims around the world a Ramadan Mubarak! I thank the endorsing organizations that joined this important resolution: Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Relief, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

I am honored to partner with my Muslim colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB and Rep. ILHAN OMAR to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Ramadan and the various contributions of Muslims in the U.S. and worldwide. Ramadan is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.9 million Muslims globally. We are reminded during this

holy month of the rich diversity and many contributions that Muslim Americans have made in every sector of society. Diversity is a corner stone of American society and success. Our American Muslim community is a vital contributor to our nation's diversity, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements that diversity brings.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Ramadan and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous month by signing on to this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE SGT. JACK
MCGREEVEY MEMORIAL PARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication of the Sgt. Jack McGreevey Memorial Park in Carteret, New Jersey. I join with borough officials, employees, residents, and the McGreevey family in paying tribute to the life and service of Sgt. Jack McGreevey.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in Guam, China, and Japan during WWII and as a Sergeant and Drill Instructor during the Korean War, Sgt. McGreevey was a fierce advocate for veterans. In his capacity as a Legislative Aide for state Senator Joseph Vitale, Speaker Craig Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Sgt. McGreevey worked with local veterans to secure benefits. In addition, through his service with various veterans' organizations, Sgt. McGreevey was an effective voice on behalf of the veteran community and fought to promote their priorities and support their needs.

Sgt. McGreevey was a friend to everyone. His affable demeanor left an impact on everyone he met. He exemplified honor, integrity, and professionalism throughout his life, and I am confident his commitment to service will continue to inspire others.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my honor to commemorate this dedication ceremony in remembrance of Sgt. Jack McGreevey. Sgt. McGreevey honorably served our Nation and the veterans' community, and his selflessness, duty, and civic engagement are truly deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
LINDA GREENBLATT

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linda Greenblatt who

passed away on March 18 of this year. Linda was a devoted mother, wife, and pillar of her community who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Linda will long be remembered for her contributions to both the town of Red Hook and Dutchess County, New York. She taught history and social studies at Red Hook Middle and High Schools, was an election coordinator for the Dutchess County Board of Elections, and a member of numerous community groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Linda Greenblatt. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind. May her life and memory always be a blessing.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT J.
"RJ" DUKE SHORT ON HIS 89TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert J. Duke Short, U.S. Senate Official, on the occasion of his 89th birthday and to wish him a joyous birthday celebration.

Mr. RJ Short was born in Moultrie, Georgia on March 31, 1934. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduating from college, he worked as an industrial engineer before going back to school. He then attended Palmer College, in Port Orange, Florida afterward, to become a chiropractor. Mr. Short then joined the U.S. Army where he courageously served his country from 1957 to 1961.

After spending five years in the Army serving our great country, he joined the Department of Treasury for 2 years before becoming a Senior investigator for the Senate subcommittee on Internal Security.

Mr. Short quickly rose through the ranks to become the Republican staff director and Chief investigator for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in which he served for 12 years.

In 1989, Mr. Short served 15 years as Chief of Staff to Senator Strom Thurmond, a Republican from South Carolina. He was also a Counselor to the Chief Judge of the United States of America Military Court Appeals.

Duke and his wife, Denise, happily married on May 23, 1992. Mr. Short has risen above many personal challenges and has been a great public servant for his country. He is the epitome of the American success story. Duke has also been decorated with many awards and achievements for his hard work throughout the years. Mr. Short has been listed as a

noteworthy and honorable U.S. Senate official by Marquis Who's Who. He is a recipient of the United Service Organizations Appreciation award, Employees Support of Guard and Reserve Appreciation award, named one of the fifty most Powerful Staffers in Congress by Roll Call, honorary judge of The United States of America Claims Court, and Palmer Academy Chiropractic fellow. In 2002, Governor James Hodge gave Mr. Short the Order of the Palmetto, the state of South Carolina's highest honor. Robert J. Duke Short has set the gold standard for his years of dedicated service and commitment which will long be remembered and for that we all join in saying thank you, and wish him a happy birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote today on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the vote on Agreeing to H. Res. 241, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 406, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Passage of H. Joint Res. 30, I would have voted "no." This legislation would block the Department of Labor's recent rule, entitled "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights," which clarifies that fiduciary planners may consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk when making investment decisions. I commend the Department of Labor's ESG rule, which will assure beneficiaries that their retirement savings will not be subjected to the pendulum swings of changing policy. Fiduciary planners must not have their hands tied when it comes to considering ESG factors that pose legitimate economic risks to Americans' benefit plans.

Had I been present for the Bonamici Amendment No. 5, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for the Crane Amendment No. 6, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for the Davidson Amendment No. 7, I would have voted "no."

Additionally, had I been present for Fitzpatrick Amendment No. 8, I would have voted "aye."